

VI. MANAGEMENT OF THE PLAN

This new plan presents recommendations for change that will lead to the Vision for Newtown. There are far too many objectives contained in this plan for any one entity to undertake. However the Vision will be achieved if each town agency takes ownership for those strategies for which they have the expertise, capability, and in some instances, the authority to implement.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has identified many town agencies whose role is critical to lead the evaluation and possible implementation of each strategy. In addition, generally one agency cannot fully evaluate or implement the result without the support of other town agencies and those outside of the town such as the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO) and Housatonic Area Regional Transit District (HART). Therefore for each strategy, the Plan of Conservation and Development shows both the leading agency as well as others whose support is needed. Each leading partner will involve these and any other required supporting agencies in such a way as to achieve the best path forward.

On an annual basis, the Planning and Zoning Commission will request that all “Leader” agencies provide a status report on their progress in implementing the sections of the plan for which they are responsible. This information will be compiled and made available to all town agencies that request status reports.

Following the receipt of these status reports, the Planning and Zoning Commission will invite representatives from the agencies to an annual meeting for the purpose of developing solutions to any barriers which may exist in completing work on the strategies. With the collective skills, resources, mutual support and authority of all the agencies coupled with the support and involvement of the people of the Town, Newtown will achieve the Vision.